

ALLIES HURL BACK ASSAULTS ON LEFT WING; GERMANS OCCUPY HEIGHTS AROUND RHEIMS

GERMANS FORCE ALLIES TO DEFEND POSITIONS ON AISNE, SAYS BERLIN

Anglo-French Armies Attacked All Along Line, According to Wireless—Decisive Assault on Forts South of Verdun About to Begin—Kaiser's Troops Advancing on Ossowetz Capture Grajewo and St. Chutchin and Defeat Two Brigades at Augustowo in Russian Poland.

CLAIM BRITAIN ENTERED WAR TO KEEP OUT OF HOME RULE STRIFE; FINANCES EXCELLENT

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Berlin, Sept. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The following official announcement was issued at headquarters today:

"The situation in the western front generally is unchanged. The Anglo-French forces have been compelled to assume the defensive along the whole line.

"A decisive assault on the line of forts south of Verdun is about to begin.

"The Germans have come in contact with the French along the entire Alsace frontier.

"In the eastern campaign the Germans defeated the fourth and fifth rifle brigades at Augustowo, in Russian Poland, 140 miles north-east of Warsaw. The German forces advancing against Ossowetz have captured Grajewo and St. Chutchin.

"The subscription to the war loan closed Saturday. Although full returns have not been received officially, it was announced that \$2,000,000,000 of Imperial bonds and more than \$1,000,000,000 of Treasury certificates have already been subscribed for."

"Telegrams from Brussels state that the military governor has announced to wall posters that Belgian flags must be taken in so that this source of provocation to the invaders will be removed and to avoid 'regrettable incidents'."

"The mayor of Brussels is working in co-operation with the German authorities to preserve order."

Could Have Held Bridge.
It is officially reported from Vienna that the isolated advance of the Russians on the northern battlefield could have been repelled on September 7, with the position at the head of a small fortified bridge at Siewawa. It was heroically held for a time by the Austrians, who afterwards voluntarily gave it up.

The financial situation in Germany is excellent, according to an official announcement from the government today. This statement charges the British government with making war upon Germany in order to prevent civil war at home over home rule for Ireland.

The statement follows:
"The specie reserve of the Reichsbank has been increased last week by 4,000,000. The circulation of notes has been decreased by 4,000,000."

(Note.—The statement does not explain whether the amounts refer to dollars or marks.)

France Faces Economic Crisis.
"A French financial paper states that the economic crisis is severe. If lasting much longer it will develop into a disaster."

"Count San Martino, a member of the Italian Senate, communicates the information to the Giornale d'Italia that, during a dinner on July 22, at which Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, and Ambassador Goschen, the British envoy in Berlin, were guests, it was mentioned that the only possibility of averting civil war in England over home rule lay in a war with Germany."

"The war correspondent of the Italian newspaper Messaggero, an anti-German publication, emphasizes the fact that the German Red Cross is much better organized than that of the French."

Praise Germans for Courtesy.
"Aubrey Herbert, a British member of Parliament, who was treated for a wound in a German military hospital and later sent back to England, expresses high praise of the courtesy shown him by the Germans."

"The original copy of an order issued by Gen. Rennenkampf, the Russian commander in East Prussia, in which he directs his men to distrust white flags and not to respect them, has been found. This order was issued to the 21st Russian Infantry."

T. R. Says Moose Aim to Reform Home First of All

Kansas City, Sept. 20.—This was a quiet day for Col. Roosevelt. Outside of a "lay sermon" to a thousand people at the depot at Topeka, he spent most of the time on a train reading a magazine. "We cannot expect to reform the government of State or nation until we reform the home," said the colonel to the Topeka gathering. "The Progressives are trying to make the United States a better place to live in."

CZAR'S FORCES DEFEAT DANKL NEAR KRASNICK

Extreme Left of Austrian Front Joining Von Aufsenburg at Cracow.

RUSSIANS AT KRSHESHOV

German Offensive in East Prussia Checked—Saxon Cavalry Suffers Losses.

LEAVE PRZEMYSL FORT BEHIND

Russians Take Thousands of Prisoners and Much Equipment. Getting 5,000 Men at Javorov.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Sept. 20.—An Exchange Telegram from Petrograd says:

"The Austrian rear guard has endeavored to stop the Russian advance in the region of Baranow and Rasinow, but has been repulsed with heavy losses. Russian heavy artillery is shelling the fortifications of Jaroslau."

"Fighting has begun at Przemyel."

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—The Russians have cut off Gen. Dankl's army which forms the extreme left of the new Austrian battle front extending from Przemyel to Cracow, effectively preventing the junction of this army with that of Gen. von Aufsenburg. Gen. Dankl is attempting to reach Cracow after the defeat of his forces in the vicinity of Krasnik. The army which defeated this endeavor was advancing from the direction of Sandomir.

Three army corps of Germans comprised the garrison at Przemyel. They had been directed, according to reports, to hold this position in order to cover the concentration of German troops to repel the Russian advance in East Prussia.

Russians Capture Krashehor.
The broken remnants of the second German Landwehr corps under Gen. Woisch have been defeated near Sandomir, where they were preparing to cross the Vistula.

The Russians have seized Krashehor on the San River, between Jaroslau and the point where the Vistula joins the San, effectively blocking the Austrian plan to cross the river here. Also the occupation of this town enables the Russians to pour considerable forces across the river at several points simultaneously.

Fifteen miles east of Jaroslau, at the town of Javorov, the Russians have captured 5,000 prisoners and thirty guns. Around the Galician strongholds the Russians are drawing closer upon the shattered remnants of the Austrian armies and in other places the pursuit of the Austrians continues relentlessly.

Check German Offensive.
The German offensive movement in East Prussia has been effectively checked. The Germans are retreating at several points and between Breslau and Ivangorod the Russians have captured many guns, including thirty-six Howitzers. These guns were being sent from Breslau by the Germans to support the attack planned on Ivangorod.

In East Prussia a Saxon cavalry division which was brought from France to re-enforce the Austrians has suffered heavy losses.

Russians Pass Przemyel.
News of the highest importance comes from all the positions of the Russian southwestern armies, of which Gen. Ruzsky's advancing force forms the center.

Russians in immense numbers have now passed from the marshy flats of the left bank of the San to easier country, leaving the fortress of Przemyel marked and impotent behind them. Another army, ascending the Vistula on both sides from Sandomir, has routed the German army with Austrian reserves which were hastening to support the main army defeated near Krasnik.

The Russian have everywhere captured the enemy's military equipment, including pontoon, engineering and gun repairing shops. A good deal of this material has been supplied by the Germans.

Saxon Cavalry Loses Heavily.
The German offensive movement in Eastern Prussia has been checked, according to an official announcement issued today. The Germans have retreated at several points. The Saxon cavalry, which hurriedly left France to assist the Germans in the campaign against Russia, has lost heavily. The Russians captured many guns, including thirty-six Howitzers.

The Russians have completely cut off Gen. Dankl's army which forms the extreme left of the new battle front from Przemyel to Cracow, it was reported. This has prevented his junction with the forces under the command of Gen. von Aufsenburg. While Gen. Dankl is retreating in a desperate attempt to reach the Cracow fortifications the Russians are advancing from Sandomir in an endeavor to cut off that retreat as well.

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11:50 Have De Grace Races and Return. Week days, Sept. 21 to 30, Baltimore and Ohio leave Union Station 12:30 noon, arrive race course 1:50 p. m. Dining car from Baltimore.

GERMANS DEFEAT RUSSIAN SQUADRON IN BALTIC BATTLE, STOCKHOLM HEARS

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Sept. 20.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Daily News says: "According to advices from Stockholm, the Baltic Sea battle, which was expected some days ago, has taken place. It is reported that a number of Russian warships have arrived at Helsingfors badly damaged. A great number of wounded were landed and taken to hospitals. Terrific cannonading had been heard in the neighborhood of the Aland Islands a day or two previously. "It is believed the Russian cruisers had been engaged with the German fleet near Bornholm."

SMOKING RUINS MARK SITE OF WORLD-FAMOUS CATHEDRAL AT RHEIMS

German Bombardment Levels Noted Edifice and French Minister of the Interior Declares Government Will Protest to Powers Against "Act of Odious Vandalism." City Wrecked by German Shells, Which Crumble and Set Fire to Palaces and Churches.

KAISER'S TROOPS REOCCUPY HEIGHTS, DRIVING DEFENDERS BACK FROM DISMANTLED FORTS

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Sept. 20.—The Bordeaux correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables as follows:

"The famous Rheims Cathedral is now a heap of ruins. Several other famous monuments have fallen under German shell and the loss is beyond words."

"Indignation here is the more bitter, as the French abstained from following the example of their enemies in waging war against the beautiful."

Paris, Sept. 20.—The famous cathedral of Notre Dame, at Rheims, has been destroyed. All the other historic buildings in the city either have been laid in ruins or seriously damaged.

Minister of the Interior Louis J. Malvy, made official announcement of these facts today.

The cathedral of Notre Dame was founded in 1211 and was one of the most magnificent examples of early gothic architecture extant. It was rich in splendid statuary and was adorned with three superbly

prerogative was the consecration of the monarchs of the empire, contained a beautiful museum of sculpture, an artistic treasure.

The handsome Hotel de Ville, the city hall of this picturesque old city, was begun in 1627 and housed a public museum and a library of 50,000 volumes.

These are the most important of the structures which made Rheims one of the show places of France.

Minister Malvy today declared that the French government had decided to protest to the powers.

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AUSTRIA ALLAYS FEARS OF ITALY

Embassy Denies Reports of Mobilization on Border—Cabinet Holds Important Session.

TO DEFINE NATION'S POSITION

Rome, Sept. 20.—The Austrian Embassy tonight officially denied that there were any war preparations on the Italian border, thus greatly allaying the nervousness caused by reports that the situation at Trentino was extremely disturbing from an Italian viewpoint. Nevertheless a demonstration is expected at any time and every precaution has been taken to protect the Austrian Embassy and consulate.

The Italian cabinet met tonight and an important communication is expected shortly defining Italy's position. According to reliable reports important negotiations are going on between representatives of the warring nations, to settle the questions affecting the Italian interests, and the hope is entertained that Italy may be able to maintain her neutrality to the end.

German Attacks Repulsed Says London Press Bureau

London, Sept. 20.—The allies have repulsed counter attacks by the Germans, according to an official announcement issued by the press bureau this afternoon. The statement says:

"There is no change in the situation in France. The weather is still very bad. Counter attacks by the Germans, delivered yesterday afternoon and during the night, were easily repulsed. The enemy suffered loss."

School Books, 2d Hand and New, Lowdermilk & Co., 1426 F st.—Adv.

ALLIES CLAIM SLIGHT GAINS ON AISNE LEFT

French Say Germans Repulsed Between Craonne and Rheims.

TEUTONS QUIT LORRAINE

Germans Said to Have Reduced Rheims Cathedral to Mass of Ruins.

RUSSIA DID NOT WANT STRIFE

British Admiral Ordered Home from Mediterranean to Explain Why German Ships Escaped.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Sept. 21. (Monday)—The Times this morning summarizes the war situation thus:

"A French official report describes the situation in the great battle of the Aisne. On the left there has been some slight progress by the allies and attempts of the Germans to break through between Craonne and Rheims have been repulsed. The French have taken 1,000 prisoners between Rheims and the Argonne. In Lorraine, the Germans have retired beyond the frontier and evacuated the region of Avricourt."

Dislodged Saxon Army.
"The Saxon army has been dislodged and its leader, Gen. von Hausen, is reported ill. His command has been given to former Prussian Minister of War Gen. von Elern. The Saxon cavalry division, which was removed from Lorraine to Galicia, has suffered heavy losses."

"Rheims cathedral has been set on fire by the German guns and is reported to be in ruins. The rest of the town has suffered heavily. It is officially stated in Paris that the Germans had no military reason for firing on the famous cathedral. We publish the first full account which has appeared of the operations on the eastern frontier of France."

"The names of many officers in the guards appear in the list of casualties in the expeditionary force issued from headquarters. The Irish Guards have lost three, the Cold Stream Guards three, and the Grenadier Guards two."

Call Admiral to Explain.
"The new Russian 'Orange Book' just issued contains overwhelming evidence of Germany's responsibility for the war and shows clearly how she obstructed all attempts on the part of England, France and Russia to promote a settlement."

It is announced that Rear Admiral Trowbridge has been recalled to England from the Mediterranean in order that an inquiry may be held into the circumstances leading to the escape of the German warships Goeben and Breslau from the Messina Straits.

"Germany claims that her new war loan for which subscription list was to be closed on Saturday has been a success. It is said that the exchequer bond issue of £50,000,000 has been oversubscribed and that subscriptions to the funded loan is sure of unlimited amount now totals £65,000,000."

GERMAN LINER DODGES BRITISH FOR 7 WEEKS

Neckar Comes Into Port with Coal Almost Gone and Sailors on Half Rations.

Von Kluk's Army Exposed To Allies on Their Left

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The steady advance of the French and British forces on the left is highly important, as Gen. Von Kluk's army is now exposed.

Explaining why, after the battle of the Meuse, the French did not seek to check the Germans at the forts of Lille, Laon, Laferre, and Rheims, the military expert for La Liberté says:

"Our artillery had tested the effect of the modern shells on Fort Mal Maizone. It was destroyed in a few hours and we came to the conclusion that Lille, Laon, and Rheims could not hold against the German guns, as none of them possessed the indispensable concrete carapace wherewith our eastern forts were protected."

"It would have been well to have destroyed the Rheims forts before the war because from the eastern and northern works the Germans have just shelled the city."

PUMPKINS CLIMB A TREE.

Connersville, Ind., Sept. 20.—Pumpkins growing on an ash tree are the particular pride of Bert Caldwell, a gardener. He planted a seed near a sapling and the vines climbed the tree. Pumpkins are now hanging here and there. Eight pumpkins, the largest bigger than an ordinary watermelon, grow from the perpendicular plant. The stems have at least twice the thickness of ordinary pumpkin stems and have no crooks.

\$2.00—To Lure, Va., and Return—\$2.00 \$1.50 a m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Baltimore and Ohio. Returning same day. This is a delightful season to visit the caverns.—Adv.

ALLIES' LEFT GIVES WAY, THEN SMASHES FORWARD DRIVING GERMANS BACK

Violent Counter Attack by Kaiser's Forces Gains Ground at First, but They, in Turn, Fall Back Before Slashing Assault—French Claim Further Gains by Their Center and Declare Teutons Repelled at Rheims—Press Forward on Oise.

ALGERIAN REGIMENT CAPTURES STANDARD; FRENCH ERROR MAY CAUSE THEIR DOWNFALL

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Sept. 20.—A Paris dispatch to the Chronicle says: "The German positions are still strong, but have been pierced. Instead of a continuous wall they are now divided into three groups on entrenched hills, which are liable to be isolated."

Paris, Sept. 20.—The official statement issued by the war office at 11 o'clock tonight says that the French forces have repulsed all attacks north of Rheims and that they are advancing east of Rheims.

The left wing of the allies was forced to yield ground under a violent counter attack made by superior numbers, but the statement adds that the lost ground was regained immediately.

The statement reads:
"On our left wing, north of the Aisne, near Soissons, our troops, under a violent counter attack by superior numbers, yielded some ground but they regained it almost immediately."

"We have continued to advance along the right bank of the Oise, and we have repulsed all attacks of the enemy north of Rheims, although they have been conducted with great vigor."

"At the center, east of Rheims, our troops, attacked, have made further progress."

Rain Falls Troops.
"The situation in the Argonne remains unchanged."

"In Weverre the recent rains have soaked the ground to such a degree as to render all movements of troops very difficult."

"The cross of commander of the Legion of Honor has been given to Gen. de Maudhuy on the field of battle."

The French left was pressed violently all day by counter attacks directed against them by a superior force of Germans, and was forced to give ground, but by rallying immediately the losses were relieved."

The Germans, supported by their big guns broke out of their front between the plateau of Craonne and Rheims in an attempt to pierce the French line, but were driven back.

Capture a Standard.
Further progress is reported on the allies' left and the right bank of the Oise, where the division of Algiers captured another German standard."

From Rheims westward there had been no other changes in the situation, the troops suffering greatly from fatigue and the cold and the continued rains, which have become torrid."

The allied armies for the most part remained in their trenches today while the artillery continued its furious duel of the big guns with the Germans."

The ally, with which the Germans seized upon the dismantled French defensive positions has pointed out the one serious mistake of the French army

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War News Stops Savants' Work on New Dictionary

Paris, Sept. 20.—The other day the savants of the French academy met to proceed with certain important lexicographic work. They had not right into the heart of their work, and, as scientific sages, were adding words to their dictionary when some one hurried into the room with two copies of the 12 o'clock official communique.

In a trice the savants threw down the dictionary proof sheets and formed themselves into groups around the two official documents. Ernest Lavisse reading it aloud to one group and Jean Richepin reading it to the other. The recital over, they in one voice shouted "Bravo!" and then betook themselves to the desk and awaited once more with dictionary problems.

Bouquet at His Villa Shows How French Idolize Joffre

Paris, Sept. 20.—The extent to which Gen. Joffre is being idolized just now by a people so impressionable and emotional as the French, can be easily imagined. How Paris would acclaim him if he appeared in the capital at this time!

In the absence of occupants, the doors of his villa at Auteuil are hermetically sealed and creepers are running wild over the veranda, but this morning there was found hanging on the railings a large bouquet of carnations, dahlias, and wild flowers. An unknown hand had placed it there during the night."

At Frederick and Hagerstown, 8:00 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Baltimore and Ohio. Returning same day. This is a delightful season to visit the country.—Adv.

Aerial Battle Lasts Few Minutes; Germans Beaten

Paris, Sept. 20.—Jules Vedrines, the noted French aviator, has destroyed two German Taube aeroplanes in three days.

The last aerial engagement occurred on the Oise. A French convoy was attacked by a Taube. Vedrines, accompanied by an officer, rose in pursuit.

Within ten minutes the aeroplane had risen to a height of 5,000 feet. Each machine was armed with light machine-guns and fired furiously at each other.

The marksmanship of the Vedrines gunmen and his evolutions were so much netted that the Germans that the Taube was riddled, and dropped to the ground with both of its occupants killed. The battle was over in fifteen minutes.